

N.C. 12 Update 10/05/2011

The N.C. Department of Transportation will reopen N.C. 12 no later than Tuesday, Oct. 11 after the road has been closed due to the damage caused by Hurricane Irene in August.

"Our hope is to open before then, but right now we are confident work will be complete on or before the 11th", said resident engineer Pablo Hernandez. "We will open to road earlier if we can."

At the Rodanthe breach area, crews completed paving the asphalt base for the road patches south of the mid Pea Island breach and began grading the sand for the roadway embankment leading to the southern end of the bridge.

At the temporary bridge location on Pea Island, crews worked all night and into the early hours to set deck panels at the north end of the bridge after it was completely lowered onto the permanent bridge bearing supports. The southern half of the bridge is in the process of being lowered onto the bearing supports.

Crews still need to install six of the 12 bridge bearing supports, anchor the bridge in place and finish installing deck panels; however, the following items are complete at the temporary bridge location:

- Piling: all 82 piles driven.
- Sheet Piling Bulkhead: all 726 linear feet installed.
- Concrete Footings: all 12 footings poured.
- Bridge Truss Spans: all 662 linear feet placed.